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## CORNER ON MEATS

**Conspiracy Charged To Big Packers—An Investigation Demanded—Sky-high Price**

A grain man whose name is withheld by the government has charged and furnished more or less data showing that the packers of the country, that is, the big packers, have more than a billion pounds of meat which they will dump on the country at enormous prices and profit to themselves. The dictator general for the government for food feed and fuel, has been advised of the scheme and his action is awaited with interest.

An embargo is talked of at Washington on meat and the amount permitted to be sent from the country to the allies or any one else will be determined. In the mean time an investigation of the packers and their holdings will be had, it is reported.

The extreme high price of hogs and cattle lately is said to be only the result of the plan to make enormous profits by the packers. They have tons of meat which cost less than ten cents and the inflation of the hog market to next to for 20 cents a limited time and number, was merely to furnish an excuse for raising the price on all holdings.

The fact that the charge was brot by a grain man, probably disgruntled because he was not in on the graft in meat as well as wheat, may be open to just suspicion. The fact that notwithstanding the producer has profited by the high prices for his farm productions the speculator has made enormous profits since congress piddled with the legislation then dumped it altogether, has aroused resentment and some action in the interest of the consumer may result.

### Union Services

The union services for Sunday will be held at 8:00 in the Air-dome. The sermon will be preached by Rev. R. O. Harris.

Geo. W. Tainter of Lagonda was in town Wednesday. He returned from Kansas last week and reports splendid wheat and oat crops. Mr. Tainter is assessor for Bee Branch township. He had progressed to a considerable with his assessment when extent he discovered that he would have to do it over again what he had done on account of the law making it the duty of assessors to list property at its actual value.

### Marriage Licenses

Geo. D. Anderson to Jennie A. Brewer.  
Clarence Bills to Dott Haston.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bunn of Hale Mo. passed thru town Wednesday in their car en route to their old home in Nebo Ills. Their daughter Mrs. C. F. Witty of Detroit was with them.

C. W. Brewer and J. A. Miller of Lagonda were in town Wednesday looking after free text books for their school district. Mr. Brewer is the teacher.

Lot Schupbeck of Dalton was here Tuesday night.

Berry Minor, step-brother of Supt. John Rogers came the first of the week from Texas for a visit. It has been 18 years since he was here. The trip was made alone in a big, 7 passenger Pathfinder car.

Mrs. Dick Gehrig of the Democrat was here Tuesday night to hear Bryan.

## Examining Board Work

The same examining board is at work selecting from the 150 called for Wednesday and Thursday those fit for war service, taking reasons assigned for exemption and discharging for cause. Below is a list of those passed on to Thursday noon.

### Accepted

Mortimer, Roy W., Brunswick  
Eubank, Earl H., Triplett  
Anderson, Carl J., Triplett  
Prather, James L., Musselfork  
Taggart, Mayo E., Snyder  
Munson, Ollie Wm., Brunswick  
DeWeese, Frank E., Keytesville  
Ross, Harley L., Bynumville  
Nanneman, H. W., Wien  
Vater, James W., Mendon  
Venable, F. K., Dalton  
Tremain, Wm. Sumner  
Hecke, Louis Denver, Brunswick  
Hulett, Oscar H., Lagonda  
Nichols, Tyson G., Mendon  
Elmore, Herman, Salisbury  
Bryant, Roy Davis, Snyder  
Waller, Floide B.  
Schnetzler, F. C., Salisbury  
Peterson, Andrew D., Salisbury  
Chickner, Lee Roy, Brunswick  
Emmerich, Albert L., Salisbury  
Brockman, John H., Brookfield  
Conover, Geo. F., Sumner  
Buffington, Ulrich R., Salisbury  
Kottmann, Carl, Forest Green  
Conger, Everett M., Sumner  
Musick, Wm. Edward, Brunswick  
Hedrick, W. Simon, Marcelline  
Wright, James E., Prairie Hill  
Bucksath, C. W. H., Dalton  
Thraash, James Lee, Keytesville  
Rice, Porter S., New Cambria  
Johnson, J. Tip, Salisbury  
Keeting, Joe T., Salisbury

### Claim Exemption

Earleywine, Lewis F., Triplett  
Kaneer, James Wm., Brunswick  
Dameron, Melvin V., Prairie Hill  
Oliver, Lloyd, Marcelline  
Cowell, James, Keytesville  
Foster, Charles G., Brunswick  
Gatterman, Martin L., Hamden  
Joseph, Walter C., Brunswick  
Straub, Otto D., Brunswick  
Harmon, John Leslie, Bynumville  
Lacey, Oscar Elmer, Rothville  
Stoner, Frank R., Sumner  
Sanders, H. F. C., Forest Green  
Kaiser, Ollie Fred, Brunswick  
Thornberry, Wm. H., Sumner  
Berlerer, Oscar, Forest Green  
Meyer, Rudolph A., Forest Green  
Kushmann, Geo. R., Brunswick  
Stewart, Jas. L., Dalton  
Turt, Ernest, Mendon  
Meyer, Conway L., Brunswick  
Wilson, E. Swathe, Brookfield  
Brown, Floyd H., Mendon  
Tryon, Roy, Lagonda  
Speiser, Fred C., Salisbury  
Liotung, Herman, Forest Green  
Moore, Walter, Salisbury  
Fessler, Alloysius J., New Cambria  
Villegar, Cersencio, Rothville  
Whiting, N. Nixon, Mendon  
Sanders, G. N., Clifton Hill  
Reissaur, Harry R., Glasgow  
Knight, Arthur F., Brunswick  
Earlywine, Robert L., Triplett  
Schmidt, J. Earl, Salisbury  
Nix, Mike, Keytesville  
See, Wm. L., Salisbury  
Huckaby, Wm. A., Keytesville  
Myers, Wm. E., Triplett  
Tremain, Mont, Sumner  
Biegel, Joseph B., New Cambria  
Waugh, James G., Rothville  
Tory, Roy E., Triplett  
Williams, Andrew, Dalton  
Lanceford, Marvin R., Brunswick  
Elliott, Elmer D., Brunswick  
Eads, Lon, Rothville  
Whitehead, E. Earl, Sumner  
Kottman, Walter, Forest Green  
Jolliffe, Ray Thomas, Keytesville  
Lyons, Henry, Forest Green  
Roy, Albert, Salisbury  
Martin, Aaron, Keytesville  
Gebhardt, Arthur W., Forest Green  
Susewind, John W., Brunswick  
Blake, Grover L., Sumner  
Susewind, Will D., Brunswick  
Cousins, Rufus A., Keytesville  
Chrisman, William F., Bynumville  
McCullagh, A., Sumner  
Poynter, E. C., Mendon  
Shaner, Wm. Roy, Brunswick  
Eisela, Jake, Sumner  
Billiter, Kennard C., Bynumville

### Discharged

Kussman, John H., Brunswick  
Shumaker, Harry, Keytesville  
Venable, Nat J., Rothville  
Gebhardt, Lou, Forest Green  
Huber, Louis, New Cambria  
Reichle, Albert, Salisbury  
Lynn, John, Glasgow  
Hughes, Collie M., Dalton

## EQUALIZE ASSESSMENTS

**Valuation Based on Actual Worth Assessors Work Increased Lower Rate**

Many of the assessors for townships in this county who have begun the work of taking lists will have it to do over again if they did not comply with the new law in force in the premises. There have been a few who have secured many lists who will have to destroy those taken and secure new sworn statements from tax payers. The law clearly says that all property, real, personal and mixed shall be assessed at its actual value, and this will force assessors to place such valuation of all the property owned by the party giving the list and also make it necessary that assessors see and appraise all property at its actual value as nearly as they can. If he guesses too high or too low, the board of equalization will remedy the fault.

This is the beginning of the new tax law of the state, and that it will entail some confusion during its infancy there can be little doubt, but if it does not materially increase the total tax levied against the individual except in instances where he has evaded taxation by some method, there will be no stubborn objection raised.

That township assessors will fully earn their money under the new system, goes without debate, and that those who have honestly complied with the law heretofore will have no objection to raise is true if they are relieved by the addition of property belonging to others which has heretofore escaped in the general assessment.

### Methodist Church

The pastor will preach at the regular service Sunday morning. Sunday School will be held at 9:30 A. M. and Epworth League at 7:00 P. M. All are invited to these services.

Chas. Hutchinson of Marcelline was here with Mr. and Mrs. Rob Hamilton of Salisbury Tuesday night to hear Mr. Bryan. Mr. Hamilton and family will take up their residence in Columbia to have the benefit of the State University.

Sam Trammell transacted loan business here Tuesday.

### Stock Market

At Kansas City: Top steers \$14.50. Big decline in medium cows and heifers and hard to sell. Top hogs \$19.35. Sheep \$16.80.

Prewitt, Peter F., Forest Green  
Ryan, Harvey Otis, Whitman  
Southerland, Gns, Sumner  
Smith, Glen, Sumner  
Sturm, John A., Brunswick  
Mitchell, John M., Keytesville  
Bliefnick, Louis F., Salisbury  
Adams, Tom J., Glasgow  
Applegate, Geo. H., Keytesville  
Carter, Joseph Ray, Keytesville

### Postponed

Baker, Jim, Prairie Hill  
Jones, Ezra Terrell, Musselfork

### Examined by Other Boards

Gallatin, Robert E., Triplett  
Wilson, Roy E., Salisbury  
Twyman, Major B., Salisbury  
PHELPS, Val Jean, Salisbury

### Failed To Report

Moore, Andrew Lee, Brunswick  
Fleming, Harry, Sumner  
McCollum, C. Wm., Hamden  
23 yet to be examined.

## Dangerous Prank

Trifling with Uncle Sam's business is highly venturesome and the venturer generally has the joke turned on himself.

C. M. Magill married the daughter of Aug. Gant some months ago. There were several who aspired to the young lady's hand, and unless it was one of them who wrote the letter, a copy of which is below, Magill cannot guess who undertook to trick him.

This is the letter he received last week:

Kansas City, Mo.  
C. M. Magill

Kind Sir:

According to law you are hereby notified to be prepared to join the U. S. army at K. C. on Aug. the 21st, 1917.

Please give this your attention.

Yours truly,  
U. S. Officer,  
K. C. Mo.

Magill turned the original over to Jess Richardson, Secty. of the examining board and by him it was forwarded to army headquarters for action.

Magill in the mean time with his wife are pursuing their farming business but little disturbed by the probable efforts of a jealous rival to send the young husband abroad and affording an opportunity to win the affections of a desirable young widow.

## Our Part In War Should Not Conflict With Principles Of Democracy

(By Senator William J. Stone)

I hate autocratic rule, and I abominate kings, kaisers, czars and emperors, royalty in any guise, and beyond these, looking downward, I cannot avoid an in-born feeling, and I hesitate to say feeling of contempt, but of unspeakable dislike for all such human things as princes, dukes, lords and others like them of minor degree who hold hereditary titles under royal patent to bestride the world, as it were, that the working, really creative forces of men should pass between the outstretched legs of some bestriding colossus and lay tribute at his feet.

When shall we reach a point in world development when the body politic can be freed from political and even social fungi? May the plain people not hope to reach that end at the conclusion of the war? At all events, I declare most positively that our part in the war, whether in waging or at the ending of it, should in no wise conflict with the great principles of human democracy.

Germany must be crushed before we shall again call the rising sun to light the dawn of peace.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Welch of Musselfork were in town Wednesday. Mr. Welch is in poor health and was here to consult one of our physicians.

Mrs. Reuben Hunker and daughter returned Sunday for a further visit. Mrs. Hunker has been to St. Louis to consult a specialist who informed her that there was nothing whatsoever wrong with her.

Jack Rucker of Kirksville was here this week visiting his daughters, Misses Polly and Margaret.

James Emerson returned the first of the week from his trip to Kansas, his daughter, Mrs. Pool coming with him for a visit to relatives and friends.

Lieut. Frank Welch Haves was here for the chautauqua and to visit relatives this week. He goes to Utah in a few days to enter camp in the regulars.

## THE EUROPEAN WAR

**Allies Make and Hold Gains Germans Rush East Line Still Talk Peace**

The allied armies, especially Canadians are gaining on western front. Germans reported losing heavily in west.

Russian and Rumanian armies seriously disappointing. Reports of German capture of English air planes.

No news from U boat operations. Grumbling's in all countries at war. U. S. rushing mobilization of drafted men.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kaye and two sons of Sumner are visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cash north east of town this week.

Frank Stoner of Sumner and several others of that neighborhood were here for examination this week. The Sumner country was called on for a greater number proportionately than any other section of the county and they were a fine lot of young fellows who responded to the call.

Mr. Sam Jordan left Monday for Mechanicsville, Ohio on a business returning Wednesday.

Walter L. Sanderson, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sanders and Misses Anna and Eva Sanderson of the Marcelline neighborhood were here the first of the week on business. They made The Great Favorite Weekly an appreciated call.

Hon. L. H. Herring and Mrs. Perkinson of Brunswick were here the first of the week on

Mr. J. J. Moor returned from her visit of several weeks to her daughter in New Mexico. Her return was more than welcomed by her lonesome husband. Miss Rebecca Moor is visiting in Kansas City. probate matter.

### A Sad Suicide

We glean from the Brunswick the incidents which led to the taking his own life Sunday evening Aug. 12 by James Farrell, an old and respected citizen of the city on the Grand.

Bright disease had made life undesirable for years, and Sunday the afflicted man, tho quite as cheerful as usual, evidently planned to end it all, and when his son-in-law Russell Jones had gone to his work at the Wabash station and his daughter and her two children had left to attend a meeting of the Christian Endeavour society at the Christian church, the afflicted man secured a loaded shot gun, went to the rear of the house, placed the butt of the gun against the foundation of the house, the muzzle to his breast and touched the trigger with his cane.

Mr. Farrell had written a note to his daughter, Mrs. Jones with whom he had lived for some time, explaining that the increase in his sufferings was getting to be greater than he could bear and that he felt fully prepared for the consequences of the act he contemplated.

Coroner Hawkins found no reason for holding a formal inquest. Funeral services were conducted at the Christian church by Rev. Frank Gillahan, after which the remains were shipped to the deceased old home, Madison, Monroe Co. Mo., for interment. James Farrell was born Oct. 29, 1857, was married Dec. 25, 1875 to Miss Rebecca Ann Gingrich who died Feb. 7, 1914. Nine children were born to this union, two of whom, Pearl Farrell of Triplett and Mrs. Russell Jones with whom he made his home, survive.

## Salisbury Scribbles

Josh Hunker has a sore foot caused by stepping on a nail.

Those who went from here to hear Bryan speak Tuesday night are loud in their praise. The spirit of 1896 still lives.

J. A. Dunn has been on the sick list for a few days but is improving.

Mrs. Ida Conrad and son have ret'd from St. Louis and are now here for the winter.

Field Trammel who makes his home in Texas is here on a visit to his father's family. He has grown to be a fine looking man.

Arnold Baier is in Kansas City hospital recovering from an operation for the removal of his appendix.

Elmer Kruse came in from Okla. a few days ago, and says the report of his marriage was premature. He is still unattached.

A son of John Zeltner fell thru the floor of a hayloft and broke his arm.

E. J. Kaiser and family have returned from a visit to friends in Iowa.

Some one has swiped our office mirror, and now we don't know or care how we look.

W. H. Ownby has returned from a pleasant visit to his daughter at Fayette.

A barn belonging to Thos. Lamb 3 miles south of town was burned Sunday night with all of its contents. Insurance on barn but not on contents. No clew to the origin of the fire.

The household goods of Rev. Risk, the new Baptist minister, arrived Tuesday and the family will occupy the Reed residence on 4th street vacated by Rev.

The week started off with a nice shower of rain Monday morning, and every boy in town and some men were whistling. We love to hear 'em.

Ben Loeb and daughter left for their home in Ottawa Kansas Sunday afternoon after a delightful visit to relatives and friends. Ben is one of our boys and can't come too often to suit.

Miss Bertha Smith went to DeWitt Sunday and while there will secure a boarding place for the winter. She will teach there.

Our hay fever sufferers are "kachooing" and will continue as long as the rag weeds last.

Frank Collins of Fulton made a week end visit with the family of Dr. Welch. Come often Frank.

The County Convention of the Christian church held here Friday and Saturday of last week was fairly well attended, and considerable business was transacted. President Chilton is trying to systemize the work as to bring about a hearty co-operation of the 268 churches in the 7th district.

Rev. Risk began his regular pastoral work at the Baptist Sunday with a good attendance and a fine sermon. We wish him and his work success.

Thos. Williams and wife of Ark. are here on a visit to the former's mother.

A load of home grown water-melons were brot to town Friday but they were rather small and showed signs of drouth.

The Farmers Bank is decorating its interior this week and when completed the popular institution will present a handsome appearance.

Brunswick will have a pumpkin show Oct. 11, 12 and 13.